

**Cover Summary of Proposed Administrative Rules/Regulation
Arkansas Department of Health**

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Rules and Regulations for Hospice in Arkansas

We are proposing changes in the following areas:

1. Add standards for Inpatient Direct Care Hospice Facilities.
2. Add Life Safety Code for Inpatient Direct Care Hospice Facilities.
3. Add infection control section and specify requirements.
4. Add patient rights and responsibilities.
5. Change “certification” to “license.”
6. Add pet therapy.
7. Add employee health.
8. Add complaint tracking.
9. Change “Quality Assurance” to “Quality Improvement” and specify QI requirements.
10. Specify physician service requirements.
11. Make aide and homemaker services requirements to identical with home health.